

CLEAN VERSION OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS

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1. A hard head foil cap, comprising:
  - a. a head cap; and
  - b. a plurality of long narrow slits cut into the head cap such that shanks of hair can be pulled through any such slit for hair coloring, and wherein the slits have width in the range of 1/64" to 1/4".
2. The hard head foil cap of claim 1, wherein said cap is made of plastic, foam, or rubber, or waterproof fabric.
3. The hard head foil cap of claims 1 or 2, wherein the slits are configured in two or more orientations.
4. The hard head foil cap of claim 1 or 2, wherein the slits have length in the range of 1" to 4".
5. The hard head foil cap of claims 1 or 2, wherein said slits are zig-zag shaped.
6. The hard head foil cap of claims 1 or 2, wherein the slits are spaced apart with spacing in the range of 1/2" to 2".
7. The hard head foil cap of claims 1 or 2, wherein the slits are reinforced by one of the group selected from stitching the slits and adding thicker plastic around the slits.
8. The hard head foil cap of claims 1 or 2, wherein the slits are configured with interlocking seams for a linear press-closure which holds together by interference between two linear elements of either side of the seal such that the slit can be partially closed to tighten the slit upon the shank of the hair.
9. A hard head foil cap, comprising:
  - a. a head cap, wherein said cap is made of plastic, foam, or rubber, or waterproof fabric; and
  - b. a plurality of long narrow slits cut into the head cap such that shanks of hair can be pulled through any such slit, and wherein the slits are

configured in two or more orientations, wherein the slits have length in the range of 1" to 4" and width in the range of 1/64" to 1/4", and wherein the slits are spaced apart with spacing in the range of 1/2" to 2".

10. The hard head foil cap of claim 9, wherein said slits are zig-zag shaped.
11. The hard head foil cap of claims 9 or 10, wherein the slits are reinforced by one of the group selected from stitching the slits and adding thicker plastic around the slits.
12. The hard head foil cap of claim 9, wherein the slits are configured with interlocking seams for a linear press-closure which holds together by interference between two linear elements of either side of the seal such that the slit can be partially closed to tighten the slit upon the shank of the hair.
13. A method of treating hair, comprising steps of:
  - a. Placing a head cap over the hair of the person whose hair is to be colored, wherein said cap is made of plastic, foam, or rubber, or waterproof fabric, wherein said cap is provided with a plurality of long narrow slits cut into the head cap such that shanks of hair can be pulled through any such slit for hair coloring, and wherein the slits are configured in two or more orientations, wherein the slits have length in the range of 1" to 4" and width in the range of 1/64" to 1/4", and wherein the slits are spaced apart with spacing in the range of 1/2" to 2";
  - b. Pulling shanks of hair through said slits;
  - c. Treating said hair shank by coloring, frosting, foiling, bleaching or dying; and
  - d. Repeating steps (b) through (c) until the hair is the treatment is done.
14. The method of coloring hair of claim 13, wherein said slits are zig-zag shaped.
15. The method of coloring hair of claims 13 or 14, wherein the slits are reinforced by one of the group selected from stitching the slits and adding thicker plastic around the slits.

16. The method of coloring hair of claim 13, wherein the slits are configured with interlocking seams for a linear press-closure which holds together by interference between two linear elements of either side of the seal such that the slit can be partially closed to tighten the slit upon the shank of the hair.

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17. A head cap made from the process consisting of:

- a. Cutting a plurality long narrow slits along the sides of a hair cap, wherein said slits with length between 1" and 4" and width between 1/64" and 1/4"; and
  - b. Cutting a plurality of long narrow slits around the top of a hair cap, wherein said slits have length between 1" and 4" and width between 1/64" and 1/4".
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